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TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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The following observations were made at Brandis airfield between 30 July and 11 August 1952:

30 July. Between 5 and 6 p.m., source heard the engines of Li-2s being test run. At 8 p.m., 12 Li-2 planes were parked in the eastern section of the field. These planes participated in air activity which started at 9 p.m. Some of the aircraft took off individually and the others in flight formation.

31 July. There was no flying.

1 August. At 6 a.m., seven Li-2s were parked near the middle of the runway. Of these planes, took off and made individual flights. The remaining three planes practiced formation flying.

2 August. Between 7 and 7:45 a.m., two U-2 planes took off three times. Each time, a parachutist jumped from each plane.

3 August. No air activity was observed.

4 August. At 7 a.m., nine Li-2s were parked in the eastern section of the field. These planes took off at intervals of about 1 minute and made local flights. Between 6 and 6:45 p.m., a U-2 plane took off three times and one parachutist descended each time.

5 August. After 8:30 p.m., four Li-2 planes made local flights while three aircraft of the same type practiced flying in a flight formation. Each flight lasted about 20 minutes. A searchlight located about in line with the middle of the runway was occasionally switched on to illuminate the runway. Night flying was discontinued at 2 a.m.

6 August. At 2 p.m., a Li-2 plane circled once over the field for about 10 minutes.

7 August. Local flights, each lasting about 20 minutes, were made at an altitude of 200 to 300 meters. It was raining. After 10 a.m. formation flying was practiced at the same altitude. The formation broke up, and the planes landed at intervals of about 1 minute. Flying discontinued about 2 p.m.

8 August. There was local flying by Li-2s up to 2 p.m. Between 6:30 and 7 p.m., three parachutists descended from a U-2 plane.

9 and 10 August. There was no flying at the field.

11 August. Between noon and 1:30 p.m., two Li-2s made local flights. *

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